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SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE IN U.S. V. WALTER CHICO HINES

1. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS SWISS FOREIGN MINISTRY
TO AUTHORIZE MR. WERNER VON DESCHWANDEN, EMBASSY ASSISTANT
AT DEPARTMENT POLITIQUE FEDERAL IN BERN, TO TRAVEL TO
CHICAGO TO TESTIFY IN FEB. 23, 1976 TRIAL OF WALTER CHICO
HINES ON CHARGES OF HIJACKING AN AIRCRAFT TO CUBA IN 1971.
JUSTICE HAS HERR DESCHWANDEN'S STATEMENT THAT ON JULY 9,
1974, WHEN HE WAS STATIONED IN THE SWISS EMBASSY IN
HAVANA, DEFENDANT HINES ADMITTED THE HIJACKING TO HIM.

2. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WILL ADVANCE FUNDS FOR VON
DESCHWANDEN'S TRAVEL AND WILL REIMBURSE HIS OTHER EXPENSES.
APPROPRIATION INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED ON CONFIR-
MATION THAT DESCHWANDEN WILL MAKE REQUESTED TRIP.

3. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WHETHER VON DESCHWANDEN WILL
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